(a) the articles of daily and common use the prices of which have gone up and gone down as a result of current Budget proposals;

(b) the extent of increase and fall in prices of these articles;

(c) whether it is a fact that benefit of fall in prices of daily use announced in the Budget have not benefited the consumers in the least;

(d) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in The Pioneer' dated the 25th March, 1995 under the captaion prices do not follow the Doctors' prescription; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (e) The post budget wholesale price index of some daily and common use commodities as on 25.3.95 has registered a fall and in some the increase has been very modest as shown below:

	Post Budget Price fall (%)		Post Budget Price Rise (%)
Jawar	0.2	Rice	0.3
Gram	3.8	Wheat	0.9
Masur	2.1	Bajra	6.0
Milk	0.6	Arhar	3.3
Onion	0.8	Moong	0.8
Condiments & Spices	0.8	Urad	4.4
Tea	11.7	Potatoes	11.8
Atta	0.3	Fish	6.8
Sugar	0.4	Mutton	1.5
Khandsari	3.7	Chillies (dry)	1.0
Gr oundnut oil	0.2	Gur	2.6
Coconut oil	1.8	Rape & Mustard oil	0.5
		Dhoties, Saries & Voils	3.7

The data on wholesale prices so for available is for only two weeks after the presentation of Budget. It is, therefore, too early to asses the impact of the Budget on the level of the prices. However, there is a clear deceleration in the growth of prices seen since the Budget with the annual inflation having dropped to 9 per cent as on April 8, 1995.

Loans Advanced by State Bank of Indore under letter of Credit

3370. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Chandni Chowk Branch of State Bank of Indore, in Delhi, has advanced

Joan in crore of rupees to M|s. Cable Sales Corpration and its associate firms! companies and other parties under Letter of Credit (LCs) and guarantees issued in violation of the rules during last years;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that before santioning loans, amounts were disbursed to these firms;

(d) if so, whether the bank management has ordered an enquiry against the guilty officers; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (e) In accordance with the provisions of statutes governing public sector banks and financial institutions, information relating to individual cosntituents of the bank cannot be divelged

नशीले पदार्थों का व्यापार

3371. श्री कनकसिंह मोहन सिंह मंगरोला :

श्री ईश दत्त यादव :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश में नशीले पदार्थों का व्यापार तेजी से बढ़ रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान पकड़े गए ऐसे मामलों की राज्य-वार संख्या कितनी है जिसमें 10 लाख रुपये से अधिक की धनराशि शामिल है ; और

(ग) इन मामलों में कितने व्यक्ति गिरफ्तार किए गए ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति०) : (क) जबकि स्थापक औषधों का अवैध व्यापार एक गुप्त प्रक्रिया है अतः यह निश्चित रूप से नहीं कहा जा सकता है कि यह बढ़ रही है अथवा नहीं ।

(ख) तथा (ग) स्वापक औषधों का सही मूल्यांकन, जो प्रायः अनिर्धारित क्षमता और मिश्रण के होते हैं तथा नष्ट किए जाने योग्य होते हैं संभवः नहीं है स्वापक नियंत्रण ब्यूरो को की गई रिपोर्ट के अनुसार गत तीन वर्ष के दौरान ऐसे सभी मामले तथा पकड़े गए व्यक्तियों की राज्य वार संख्या को दर्शाने वाला एक विवरण पत्र संलग्न है ।

विवरण

	1992		1993		1994	
राज्य	मामलों की संख्या	पकड़े गए व्यक्ति	मामलों की संख्या	पकड़े गए व्यक्ति	मामलों की संख्या	पकड़े गए व्यक्ति
आंध्र प्रदेश	8	20	215	218	383	404
अंडमान और निकोबार द्वीप समूह	3	3	1	1	3	3
अरुणाचल प्रदेश	13	4	12	12	47	50
असम	96	127	198	201	116	122
बिहार	373	110	124	126	189	198
चंडीगढ़	41	35	8	9	12	13